Iron ore of Salem and lignite of South Arcot

* 1172 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Madras Government discussed with the Russian Delegation about the utilization of the iron ore of Salem and the lignite of South Arcot for producing pig iron and steel?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Yes, Sir."

Shifting of the Mangalore College to Urva

* 1173 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—" As the hon. Member Sri M. S. Mogral who gave notice of the question is not in his seat, the answer together with the question will be printed in the official proceedings."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Mangalore Government Arts College Advisory Committee and the leading citizens of Mangalore for shifting the College to a more spacious site, at Urva, on the ground that the present buildings are insufficient and unsuitable; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) After an examination of the question, the proposal to transfer the Arts College to Urva was deferred."

Gundal Supply Channel, Kollegal

* 1174 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM (on behalf of Sri S. C. Virupakshiah): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to widen and deepen the Gundal supply channel to the chain of tanks in Kollegal taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) Yes. The proposal is being investigated.

" (*b*) Rs. 2 lakhs approximate."

Installation of a steel plant

* 1175 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal for setting up an iron and steel plant in Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The matter is under examination by the Government of India."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—"May I know when the proposal for setting up an iron and steel plant will be taken up? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already stated more than once that this question of exploitation of iron and steel ore available in Salem can be taken up only when the results of exploitation of lignite in Neyveli are known."

Dental Surgery course

* 1176 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of students undergoing Dental Course in the State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Thirty-two students are at present undergoing training in the B.D.S. Degree Course in the Madras Medical College."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know what is the duration of this course and what are its attractive features? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is a four-year course, and there is a great need for Dental Surgeons."

Working of the Government Transport System

* 1177 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement showing the net profit and loss in the working of the Government Transport System during 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The attention of the hon. Member is invited to pages 3 to 11 of the Supplement to the Detailed Budget Estimate for 1955–56 in respect of Government Commercial Undertakings."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" It is seen that the net profit in the working of the Government Transport System is only Rs. 7 lakhs and as compared with the profits for the previous years it is very low. May I know the reasons for the low profits obtained? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A separate question may be put and I will look into the matter."

Control of rinderpest

* 1178 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have consulted the Madras Government about the setting up of a Central Research Institute for the control and prevention of rinderpest in Madras;